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January 3, 2022

Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

VIA FAX: 225-381-7271

RE: Late fee assessment for 2020 annual campaign finance disclosure report

Dear Sirs/Madams:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully ask for a reconsideration regarding a possible waiver of the late fee assessment recently placed on the Rapides DPEC.

For clarity, I would like to present again the sequence of events that led to our failure to submit the 2020 report on time.

1. The 2016-2020 Rapides DPEC had practically disintegrated due to the debilitating illness of the Chairman, Christ Roy, Sr.
2. The 2020-2024 Rapides DPEC was not seated until August 2020 because of the election being twice postponed due to COVID-19.
3. The transition of office from the previous treasurer to the new treasurer never happened because of COVID-19 restrictions and a lengthy illness by the previous treasurer with COVID-19.
4. The notice sent from the Board of Ethics stating that the report was late was sent to the home of the previous Chairman, Chris Roy Sr., who was not capable of acting on it due to his medical condition.
5. By the time the new 2020-2024 Rapides DPEC was alerted to the overdue report, the late fees of \$3,000 had accrued.

In summary, the reasons that the 2020 report was not completed were primarily due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and were beyond the control of the Rapides DPEC. We respectfully request that the Louisiana Board of Ethics revisit this issue and reconsider the decision to issue the fine of \$3,000.

Sincerely,

Steven S. Chark, Sr., Chairperson
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